

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/844,984

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

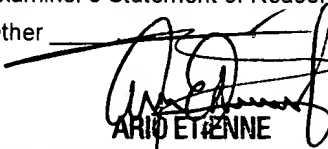
1. ☒ This communication is responsive to October 14, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-53.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7/13/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 4/27/2001
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Response to Amendment

1. This application filed on April 27, 2001 representing a system, and method for "Assisting in Controlling Real-Time Transport Protocol Flow Through Multiple Networks via Screening" is in condition for allowance.

2. In response to a priority denial, on page 2 of the remarks the applicants state that: "they have reviewed the provisional and the utility, and assert that the two are substantially the same. Specifically, the Background section of the utility (pp. 2-9) substantially corresponds to pp. 2-10 of the provisional, and the Detailed Description section of the utility (pp. 14-103) substantially corresponds to pp. 10-67 of the provisional. As further evidence of similarity, Applicants submit that that word count on the two documents is similar (29,367 in the provisional and 27,905 in the utility), and that the Figures are similar (except for Fig. 2 of the utility, which is labeled prior art"). Finally, Applicants further assert that each of the claims allowed by the Examiner are supported by both the provisional and the utility.

Applicants submit that this evidence is sufficient to rebut the Office Action's stated reasoning as to why the instant application is not entitled to a claim of priority to the provisional. According to MPEP 2163.04, Applicants are entitled to a presumption that the description (including that contained in the provisional) is adequate. Therefore, Applicants request that the claim to priority be granted and that a Notice of Allowance be issued."

Based on above statements, the denial is withdrawn.

3. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.109 and MPEP 1302.14, the following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest individually or in combination the claimed limitations of a "system, and method for a database server configured to store at least one policy, the at least one policy comprising attributes associated with one or more routes; and a plurality of session routers in communication with the database server and configured to determine a source of a real-time transport protocol route advertisement when it is determined that a real-time transport protocol route advertisement received at a respective session router is from an internet telephony administrative domain managed by another administrative entity than the administrative entity that manages the respective session router, the session router is configured to perform a destination screen of said route advertisement, wherein a destination address defined by said received route advertisement is compared to a destination address, and when it is determined that a real-time transport protocol route advertisement received at a respective session router is the administrative entity that manages the respective session router, the session router is configured to perform an origin screen of said route information, wherein an origin address defined by said received route advertisement is compared to an origin address as in claim 1-19 and a method of screening a real-time transport protocol route advertisement prior to comparing said route advertisement to a policy, comprising the steps of: receiving a route advertisement describing said route from a first endpoint to a second endpoint at a session router; determining when said route advertisement is received from an Internet telephony administrative domain managed by another administrative

entity than the administrative entity that manages the session router; when said route advertisement is from an Internet telephony administrative domain managed by another administrative entity performing a destination screen of said route advertisement, wherein a destination address defined by said received route advertisement is compared to a destination address defined by said destination screen; and when said route advertisement is from the administrative entity that manages the session router performing an origin screen of said route advertisement, wherein an origin address defined by said received route advertisement is compared to origin address defined by said origin screen as in claims 20-36 and 37-53.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Coffy whose telephone number is (571) 272-3997. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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